

The platform which is to be discussed at the German Socialistic National Convention, to meet at Erfurt on October 10, has been made public to permit of its being thoroughly digested and made the basis of primary contests—a scheme, by the way, which might be limited by political conventions in our own country with good results. The committee in charge of the platform has had the advantage of ample time, for study of social and political development all over the world, and the demands it has framed may be accepted, therefore, on all sides as means for more progress, chosen deliberately by men who

for any existing political system. The demands which have at once met my bitter ridicule and commendation on the part of the Government, and which the Universal suffrage for persons of both the sexes over twenty-one years of age; minority representation; holding of elections on Sundays or general holidays; compensation for all representatives; direct participation in the legislative work on the part of all the citizens; the right of proposition or rejection; local self-government down to the smallest political division; annual elections; the right to make war or peace to be vested in the Legislature; establishment of an international board of arbitration; absolute freedom of speech and

ed for churches or other religious purposes

all religious orders, sects or societies to be treated as private associations; compulsory secular education for all children; universal education about materials; universal military education and substitution; the abolition of the standing army; abolition of all court costs and lawyers' fees; an economic judiciary; free medical assistance and medical care for all; abolition of the income tax and succession taxes; abolition of all indirect taxation, protection of labour and other economical measures to the benefit of the few. In addition to these universal demands some special measures are demanded for the different social classes with a view to the eventual obliteration of all class distinctions. Among these are the eight-hour day, prohibition of child labour, prohibition of night work not absolutely required, a technical reason or not, for the employment of women, the thirty-six-hour week, the hours during each week and abolition of the truck system. Besides the establishment of labour boards for the supervision of all industrial affairs, the placing of cultural libraries and galleries in the hands of the workers, the equality with industrial workers, the right of organisation and litigation for wage-workers, and, finally, an insurance system for wage-workers, the direct Government control are demanded. The remarkable thing about these demands is that they are not only not at all necessitate the overthrow of the present regime of monarchs and aristocrats in the German Empire, nor that of any other political system. There is not a single plank in the platform which is not already in the programme of the German Socialists, and many of them have been recognised already as demands of science. The only demand favouring the purely Socialistic state is that the free control for free medical education to the benefit of the people, the logical consequences of systems now in vogue. Where physicians and storekeepers are practically officers under the Government, as they are in Germany, the demand that the Government maintain these offices is not revolutionary, but a logical demand. Evidently, the German Socialists are no longer revolutionists, but only the sirs of promoting what to them are

the natural evolution of society," *Chick News*.

IRATE PARENT (in the door, to his wife who is caressing his daughter): "Y man, you are not hired to do that kind work." Clerk: "That's so. I'm doing for nothing." — *Texas Siftings*.

BRIER — "My betrothed is a very good girl, I assure that I shall marry her a long letter every day. Maud — selfish! That doesn't give you a chance to write to any of the other fellows."

BRIERD, said Barrows, angrily, "I tell you to have my hot water the first thing in the morning." Shure, replied Brier, and didn't bring it up, and love it at the end last night so as it would be in the morning." — *Chick*.

DEFINITIONS — School-teacher — "John Johnson may tell me what anecdote he likes." Johnny — "The prosperous terminus of the railroad."

anything attempted? School-teachers
Now, what is a failure? Johnny—
says pa is.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Sept. 17, 1891.

OPTUM—New Pains, cash,...	500
" Old " cash, 495 50	505.50
" New Benares, cash, 477 1/2	477 1/2
" Old " cash, 494 1/2	494 1/2
" New Malwa credit, 190 50	190.50
Allowance, Teels, ...	16.48
" Old Malwa, credit, 510 5/8	510 5/8
Allowance, Teels, ...	16.56
" Persian, Oily, cash, 330 3/8	330 3/8
Allowance, Teels, ...	15.80
" Persian, Paper, debt 270 5/8	270 5/8
Allowance, Teels, ...	15.86

Exchange.

HONGKONG, September 17.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	8 1/4
" On demand, ...	3 1/4
" 30 days sight, ...	3 1/4
" 4 months sight, ...	3 1/2
Credit, ...	3 1/2
Documentary, 4 months sight, ...	3 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	4.08
Credit, 4 months sight, ...	4.05
On Berlin—	
On demand, ...	3.20
On New York—	
On demand, ...	78 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight, ...	78 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	221
On demand, ...	221
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	221
On demand, ...	221
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	72
30 days sight, private par, ...	72 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) ...	832 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rates) ...	9.22

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.
Premises, Queen's Road.)

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ...	29.80
Do. 1 P.M. ...	29.80
Do. 4 P.M. ...	29.80
Do. 7 P.M. ...	29.80
Do. 10 P.M. ...	29.80
Do. 1 P.M. ...	80
Do. 4 P.M. ...	78
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ...	76
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ...	75
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ...	75
Do. Do. 7 P.M. ...	82
Do. Do. 10 P.M. ...	82
Do. Minimum over night ...	61

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Police's Wharf.
6. From Police's Wharf to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
7. From the P. and O. Co.'s Office to the Harbour Master's Office.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Aglaia	5	c Christensen	Ger.	str.	1666 Sept. 1	Stemson & Co.	Hamburg	To-morrow
Ancona	10	Middle	Brit.	str.	3142 Sept. 1	W. & D. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Avonlie	6	c Newbery	Brit.	str.	1005 Sept. 15	Milners & Co.		
Boronia	4	c Klein	Dutch	str.	1569 Sept. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Canton	3	b Sellar	Brit.	str.	1110 Sept. 15	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Clifton	10	b Owen	Brit.	str.	1338 Sept. 12	Dudwell, Carrill & Co.	Yokohama	To-day
Comopolit.	3	b Schaefer	Ger.	str.	651 Sept. 12	W. & D. S. N. Co.		
Cosma	3	c Christiansen	Ger.	str.	945 Aug. 31	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Deuteros	3	b Dines	Ger.	str.	1197 Sept. 14	Stemson & Co.	Chesoo' & N'chwang	
Empress of India	5	c M'rahall	Brit.	str.	3003 Aug. 20	Dudwell, Carrill & Co.	Vancouver (H.O.)	
Formosa	6	b Hall	Brit.	str.	674 Sept. 13	Douglas Steamship Co.	Java & Ror	To-morrow
Johann	3	c Bing	Ger.	str.	438 Sept. 15	W. & D. S. N. Co.	Touron	
Lightning	10	b Pallett	Brit.	str.	2124 Sept. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Alcutia, &c.	19th inst.
Loe So Sak	2	c Bonson	Brit.	str.	1029 Sept. 11	Yuen Fat Hong		
Murtha	2	c Ahrenkiel	Ger.	str.	1689 Sept. 12	Wielor & Co.		
Myrene	6	c Kemp	Brit.	str.	1435 Sept. 15	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London, &c.	To-morrow
Nanaco	5	b Doddard	Brit.	str.	3 Sept. 7	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Ningpo	3	c Keellar	Brit.	str.	793 Sept. 12	Stemson & Co.	Shanghai	19th inst.
Ninan	10	b Langhorne	Brit.	str.	1615 Sept. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Oscadia	6	c Smith	Brit.	str.	2005 Sept. 15	P. & O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	
Parthia	5	c Panico	Brit.	str.	2035 Sept. 11	Dudwell, Carrill & Co.		
Phra Chom Klao	3	b Fowlers	Brit.	str.	1012 Sept. 1	Yuen Fat Hong		
Phra Phang	3	b Watton	Brit.	str.	1021 Sept. 1	Yuen Fat Hong		
Phra Ratt	3	b Sun	Brit.	str.	1021 Sept. 1	Yuen Fat Hong		
Presto	3	c Jesson	Ger.	str.	656 Sept. 14	Stemson & Co.	Haiiphong	To-morrow
Riversdale	3	c Mooney	Brit.	str.	186 Sept. 15	Mitsui Bishi	Nagasaki	To-morrow
Sometch Phra Nang	3	b Jones	Brit.	str.	1-67 Sept. 14	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-morrow
Store Nordieie	6	c Suenon	Danish	str.	696 Sept. 16	G. M. Telegraph Co.		
Sussex	5	c Holt	Brit.	str.	162 Sept. 14	Leghiss, Livingston & Co.		
Tai Yook Kank	3	b Yook	Ger.	str.	903 Sept. 16	Miyai & Co.	Amoy and Tamsui	
Tellus	8	c Amundsen	Norw.	str.	1918 Sept. 15	Mitsui, Bussan Kisenha		
Thames	5	b Hunter	Brit.	str.	819 Sept. 16	Douglas Steamship Co.	Singapore, &c.	To-morrow
Thistle	5	c Luzid	A-Rus.	str.	1848 Sept. 12	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Bombay, &c.	21st inst.
Toonan	3	b Warwick	Chi.	str.	934 Sept. 17	G. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow

Selling Agents.					
Annie H. Smith	9 c Kendall	Amer. sh.	1452	Sept. 12	Hewett & Co.
Camelot	3 c Peters	Brit. bge.	389	Sept. 4	Master
Carl Friedrich	5 k Frodlich	Ger. sh.	240	July 6	Melchers & Co.
D. roby	3 c Croal	Brit. bge.	310	Sept. 16	Chinase

Elso.	5 k	Pfuger	Ger.	sh.	1375	Aug.	5 Siemsen & Co.
Harvard	6 k	Colcord	Amer.	bqe.	1009	Aug.	27 Rauter, Bröckelmann & Co.
Iris	5 k	Shaw	Brit.	sch.	226	Aug.	31 Siemsen & Co.
Isabel	5 c	Hegge	Norw.	bqe.	120	Aug.	18 Rauter, Bröckelmann & Co.
Jessonda	5 c	Osselsmann	Ger.	bqe.	8	July	29 Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
Kitty	5 c	Wilson	Brit.	bqe.	802	July	21 Moore

Maria	8	Alvaro	Span. sch.	'61	July	9	O'Brien
Maria Berg	3	de imricha	Ger. bge.	'56	Aug.	20	Wraier & Co.
Nancy Pendleton	5	k Pendleton	Amer. an.	1895	Aug.	24	Russell & Co.
Portland Lloyd	5	k Forbes	Amer. rgs.	1180	July	1	Russell & Co.
Stanford	5	k Clark	Brit. bge.	1890	July	3	O'Brien
Tarapaca	8	k Connell	Brit. bge.	406	Sept.	13	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
				1974			Sherrin & Co.

Western Hole	0 1/2 Sweeping	Ref. bqs.	1987	Aug.	23	Arnheid, Karborg & Co.
Zebina Goudy	8 1/2 Blanning	Brit. bqs.				

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Age.	Tons.	Gun.	L.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Albatross	Despatch (revised)	1500	4	3150	Com. Chas. H. Adair	Swatow

Caroline	cruiser	1400	14	1440	Captain Underhill	San Francisco
Egeria	surveying ship	740	—	—	Commander A. M. Field	Singapore
—	7-0-0, 600 tons coast defense	533	5	548	—	7-0-0, reserve
—	6-0-0, 2nd class	425	4	439	—	6-0-0, reserve
Elebran	cruiser	1420	8	1480	—	—
Hyacinth	—	—	—	—	—	—
Impatience	twin screw battle ship	3400	10	11000	—	—

Leader	crane 2nd class	4300	10	3600	Captain George A. Telford	Nagasaki
Liznet	gun-rsno 2nd class	716	5	700	Commander A. T. Smith	Shanghai
Mercury	crulser	3780	30	1200	Capt. Chas. J. Balfour	Shanghai
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut.-Commander Ingram	Wuhu
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. Hewitt	Hongkong
Plow	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. G. Bacon	Amoy
		1720	2	2500	Commander Burr	Shanghai

Porpoise	steel torpedo launch	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	717	6	1200	—	—	Singapore
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	6	1200	—	—	Chinkiang
Savara	cruiser	4050	12	6000	—	—	Shanghai
Soleat	torpedo sailing launch	150	—	—	—	—	On a cruise
Sulist	gunboat 2nd class	756	5	1010	—	—	Hankow
Swift	steel torpedo launch	363	3	340	—	—	In reserve
						Commander Robt. D. B. Bruce	

Victor Emanuel	gunboat, 1800 tons, 1850	14	—	Commodore E. J. Church	Hongkong Hongkong
Waver	coast defence ship, armoured	2700	4		

Torpedo boats in Reserve Nos. 8, 23, 35, 39, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Fred. W. Richards, K.C.B.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian armored cruiser	8000	22	6000	Captain Fedotoff	Singapore
Albat.	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Paronoff	Nagasaki

Alexandrina	German cruiser	3200	—	—	—	Captain Schmidt	Yokohama
Albatros	U. S. gunboat	615	—	—	—	Captain H. C. Taylor	Yokohama
Atreton	Spanish cruiser	1895	—	—	—	Captain A. Soler	On a cruise
Aspic	French gunboat	479	—	—	—	Commander Journet	Kinkiang
Chasseur	French despatch-vessel	—	—	—	—	Captain Dugard	Saigon
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	766	—	—	—	Captain E. M. Gomes	Macao
			—	—	—		Peichai

Ilis	German gunboat	439	—	—	Captain Ancker	Yokohama
Inconstant	French gunboat	800	—	—	Capt. de Jonquieres	Hankow
Kongo	Japanese cruiser	2240	—	—	Captain Hilda	Yokohama
Koreyetz	Russian gunboat	1200	—	—	Captain Elissio	Yokohama
Leipzig	German cruiser	3990	—	—	Captain Röttger	Yokohama
Lutin	French gunboat	465	—	—	Captain Niny	Tientsin
		1700	2	4	Captain Kany	Hankow
				1990		

Maud Joy	Russian gun-vessel	1300	5	1170	Commodore Dye	Kobe
Marion	U. S. corvette	1370	7	1170	Lieut.-Com. M. L. Johnson	Nagasaki
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	8	1470	Capt. Cronwell	Yokohama
Omaha	U. S. corvette	2400	12	1165	Lieut.-Com. Craig	Fuefuki
Palo	U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	Lieut.-Commander Lapied	Hiratsuka
Plover	French gunboat	640	—	420	Commandant Fuzilieri	Manila
Plover	—	5000	—	—	—	—

Roma Cristina	Spanish cruiser	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
El Lica	Portuguese gunboat	540	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rivonzen	Russian cruiser	960	1	1000	—	—	—	—
Sophio	German cruiser	2100	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swatara	Cretio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tejo	Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	—	—	—	—
	French cruiser	4500	—	—	—	—	—	—

Flompsante	French cruiser	—	—	Captain Thomas	Vladivostok
Villars	French gunboat	489	5	Commander Constella	on a cruise
Vlavor	French gunboat	489	5	—	Rhaghai
Yokarno	Italian gunboat	346	—	Captain Royce	Vladivostok
Wladimir Monomakh	Russian torpedo	8000	—	Captain Dombasser	Yokarno
Wolf	German gunboat	—	—	Captain Hellhoff	Yokarno

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